

REMARKS

Applicant's representative would like to thank the Examiner for granting a telephone interview on April 9, 2008 where the *Touboul* reference and the distinguishing features of the presently claimed invention were discussed.

Claims 1-8, 10-17, 21-25, and 36-38 are pending. Claims 1-7, 10-17, 21-25, and 36-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by *Touboul* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,804,780 B1). Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) by *Touboul* further in view of *Smithson* et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,898,715).

Claims 1 and 16 have been amended to further specify that the request is scanned and that if a protocol field in the request indicates that the request is solely intended to request and retrieve content (a "request/retrieve" protocol as described on page 13 of the specification), the request is modified by a proxy module so that it is redirected to a proxy server. They have also been amended to clarify that the protocol field of the request is scanned in a redirection program before the request is transmitted on the network. In other words, the request is examined immediately upon being sent by a user.

Claim 1 has been amended to further reflect the modules and components needed for a system to identify a computer virus in a response sent from a target server to answer or reply to a request from the user. Thus, claim 1 and claim 16 are more aligned.

In contrast to the claimed invention, the *Touboul* reference does not show, disclose, or suggest that a request being sent from a user computer be scanned immediately to see if the protocol field of the response indicates a request/retrieve protocol and thus should be redirected to a proxy server. *Touboul* focuses on the actions taken when a virus is found and describes the logic used to determine what should be done with the content (paths 1, 2, 3, and 4).

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a

Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner.

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